THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Surveys conducted by the Central Goitre Survey Team in Sikkim in 1976 have revealed that 37.6 per cent of persons are suffering from Iodine deficiency. In order to control the problem of Iodine deficiency in Sikkim, supply of iodised salt have been introduced in the State under the National Goitre Control Programme. The Government of Sikkim have banned the sale of salt other than iodised salt for human consumption with effect from 11th September, 1985.

सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के शिकार व्यक्तियों को मुआवजे की अदायगी के लिए दिल्ली परिवहन निगम द्वारा दर्शायी गयी असमर्थता

3009. **श्री लालकृष्ण आडवाणी :**
श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र :

क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली परिवहन निगम ने हाल ही में लोक अदालतों द्वारा दिए गए निर्णय के अनुसार दुर्घटना से ग्रस्त व्यक्तियों को मुआवजा अदा करने में अपनी असमर्थता व्यक्त की है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो दुर्घटनाओं के शिकार व्यक्तियों को मुआवजे की अदायगी के लिए क्या वैकल्पिक प्रबंध किए गए हैं ?

परिवहन मंत्री (श्री बंसी लाल) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं होता ।

Obnoxious advertisement to encourage smoking

3010. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the British Health authorities have launched a campaign to discourage smoking;

(b) the reasons for allowing tobacco manufacturing companies to display big hoardings and even sponsor some concerts like "made for each other" etc. to advertise their brands in view of the statutory warning "smoking is injurious to Health"; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to discourage these practices by the tobacco manufacturing companies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the British High Coommisison, the British Health Department with the backing of their Health Education Council have launched an experimental campaign on T.V. and the Cinema to discourage amongst teenagers.

(b) and (c) Since there is no ban on production and trade of cigarettes, there are no statutory powers to impose a blanket ban on display of advertisements etc.

However, the Government has taken the following steps to discourage smoking in general:

1. In accordance with the provisions of Cigarette (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975 the manufacturers are required to display on every cigarette packet/advertisement/hoarding the statutory warning "Cigarette Smoking is injurious to Health".

2. It has also been decided that All India Radio and Doordarshan would not accept any advertisements which encourage smoking.

3. The Department of Sports have issued instructions prohibiting display of hoardings pertaining to liquor and cigarattes in the Asiad Stadia.

4. Health Education publicity on the hazards of smoking have been undertaken through mass media channels like Radio, T.V. and films.

Shifting of Office of S.E. Railways to Padmapur Area

3011. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in connection with the shifting of office of South Eastern Railways from the present site at Howrah sation area to the proposed Padmapur area; and

(b) by when Government propose to shift the above office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The land required for the proposed Coaching Terminal at Padmapukur has not yet been handed over by the State Government.

(b) The completion of the work depends on the handing over of the land by the State Government and the availability of resources in the coming years.

Transportation of Jute

3012. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Jute (raw, finished, half-finished jute goods) which have been transported by the Railways during the last three years; and

(b) what are the freight charges of raw jute and raw cotton carried by the Railways for 1000 Kms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The quantity of jute transported by Rail during the last three years was as under:—

(In million tonnes)

Year	Jute raw	Jute manufactured	Total
1982-83	0·45	0·23	0·68
1983-84	0·38	0·13	0·51
1984-85	0·44	0·08	·052

(b) The freight changes for raw jute and raw cotton for 1000 Kms. are given below:—

	Commodity	Freight rate per quintal or 1000 Kms.	
		Smalls	Wagonloads
		Rs.	Rs.
1.	Jute Full pressed	30·18	23·00
2.	Jute Half pressed	52·64	30·18
3.	Jute unpressed	52·64	35·37
4.	Cotton (raw) Full pressed	37·09	30·18
5.	Cotton (raw) Half pressed	52·64	33·64
6.	Cotton (raw) loose	52·64	40·55